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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN CANDIDATE FOR INDUSTRY COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED DEC. 14 TO  
AMBASSADOR TURNER FROM AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR CAMERON  
REQUESTING US SUPPORT FOR MR. WOODS AS NEW IC  
CHAIRMAN. MISSION IS SENDING COPY OF WOODS BY AIR  
POUCH.

BEGIN TEXT: I AM WRITING TO LET YOU KNOW THAT MY  
AUTHORITIES ARE PROPOSING, AS CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION  
OF CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, MR. A. J. WOODS,  
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF  
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, CANBERRA. AS TERMINOLOGY VARIES  
FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY, I SHOULD PERHAPS  
EXPLAIN THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY IS THE RANK IMMEDIATELY  
UNDER THE SECRETARY, WHO IS THE PERMANENT OFFICIAL  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORK OF THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT.  
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MR. WOODS' CURRICULUM VITAE IS ATTACHED. YOU WILL SEE  
THAT HE HAS BEEN ENGAGED FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS IN THE  
FORMULATION OF INDUSTRY POLICY AND HAS HAD EXTENSIVE  
OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE. HIS CANDIDACY HAS THE ACTIVE  
SUPPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF HIS DEPARTMENT AND OF THE

MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, GIVEN IN FULL  
KNOWLEDGE OF THE EFFORT WHICH MR. WOODS, IF ELECTED,  
PROPOSES TO GIVE TO THE POSITION.

YOU WILL NO DOUBT BE AWARE THAT AUSTRALIA HAS NEVER  
PREVIOUSLY HELD A COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP IN OECD.

I HOPE THAT MR. WOODS' CANDIDATURE WILL ENJOY THE SUPPORT  
OF YOUR COUNTRY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE INDUSTRY COM-  
MITTEE. END TEXT

2. MISSION IS UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER OFFICIAL CANDIDATES.  
INDUSTRY DIRECTORATE HEAD BECKLER (US) HAS INFORMED  
MISSION THAT WOODS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHAIRMAN, AND  
THAT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAVE INFORMALLY TOLD BECKLER  
THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE AUSTRALIAN CANDI-  
DATE. MISSION HAS FOUND WOODS GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF  
U.S. POSITIONS AND INTERESTS (E.G. MEDIUM-TERM INVEST-  
MENT REQUIREMENTS). WE ALSO CONSIDER HIM MORE CONCERNED  
WITH BROADER POLICY ISSUES AS OPPOSED TO THE LIMITED  
SECTORAL INTERESTS (E.G. IRON AND STEEL) OF MANY IC  
REPS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE AN AFFIR-  
MATIVE RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR CAMERON'S LETTER.  
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